

IN THE CLAIMS:

The following is a complete listing of the claims, and replaces all earlier version and listings.

1. (currently amended): A method for displaying on an image display device an image stored in an image storage device comprising:

an information obtaining step of obtaining a display capability of the image display device and the a number of images stored in the image storage device; and

a display determination step of determining whether an image is to be displayed or characters related to the image are to be displayed, in accordance with the display capability of the image display device and the number of images stored in the image storage device.

2. (previously presented): A method according to claim 1, wherein whether an image or a thumbnail image is to be displayed is determined in said display determination step, and wherein said display determination step includes:

a thumbnail image display step of displaying a plurality of thumbnail images; and

a full image display step of displaying an image corresponding to one of the displayed thumbnail images.

3. (cancelled).

4. (currently amended): A method for displaying on an image display device, an image stored in an image storage device, comprising:

an information obtaining step of obtaining a display capability of the image display device and the a number of images stored in the image storage device; and

a display determination step of determining whether an image is to be displayed or the name of an image is to be displayed, in accordance with the display capability of the image display device and the number of images stored in the image storage device.

5. (previously presented): A method according to claim 4, wherein said display determination step includes:

a name display step of displaying names of multiple images; and

an image display step of displaying one of the multiple images whose names are displayed.

6. (currently amended): A method for transmitting image data from an image storage device to an image reception device, comprising:

an information obtaining step of obtaining a display capability of the image display device and the a number of images stored in the image storage device; and

a display determination step of determining whether image data is to be transmitted or identification of the image data is to be transmitted by the image storage device to the image display device, in accordance with the display capability of the image reception device and the number of images stored in the image storage device.

7. (previously presented): A method according to claim 6, further comprising:

a wireless transmission step of the image storage device transmitting, using wireless communication, the image data or characters related to the image data to the image reception device.

8. (currently amended): A method for transmitting image data from an image storage device to an image reception device, comprising:

an information obtaining step of obtaining a display capability of the image display device and the a number of images stored in the image storage device; and

a display determination step of determining whether image data is to be transmitted or an image name is to be transmitted to the image reception device by the image storage device, in accordance with the display capability of the image reception device and the number of images stored in the image storage device.

9. (previously presented): A method according to claim 8, further comprising:

a display step of displaying multiple names that are transferred; and

a transmission step of transmitting from the image storage device to the image reception device image data in accordance with one of the displayed multiple names.

10. (currently amended): An image display device that is capable of displaying images stored in an image storage device, comprising:

display means; and

determination means for determining whether an image is to be displayed or characters related to the image are to be displayed on said display means, in accordance with a display capability of the image display device and ~~the~~ a number of images stored in the image storage device.

11. (previously presented): An image display device according to claim 10, wherein said determination means determines whether an image or a thumbnail image is to be displayed, and wherein said display means displays multiple thumbnail images, and furthermore, displays an image that corresponds to one of the thumbnail images.

12. (currently amended): An image display device that is capable of displaying images stored in an image storage device, comprising:

display means; and

determination means for determining whether an image is to be displayed or the name of an image is to be displayed on said display means, in accordance with a display capability of the image display device and ~~the~~ a number of images stored in the image storage device.

13. (cancelled).

14. (currently amended): A program for an image display device that is capable of displaying an image stored in an image storage device, said program being stored in a computer-readable medium and comprising:

an information obtaining step of obtaining a display capability of the image display device and the a number of images stored in the image storage device; and

a display determination step of determining whether an image is to be displayed or characters related to the image is to be displayed, in accordance with the display capability of the image display device and the number of image stored in the image storage device.

15. (previously presented): A program according to claim 14, wherein whether an image or a thumbnail image is to be displayed is determined in said display determination step, and wherein said display determination step further includes, responsive to determining whether an image or a thumbnail image is to be displayed:

a thumbnail image display step of displaying a plurality of thumbnail images; and

a full image display step of displaying an image corresponding to one of the displayed thumbnail images.

16. (currently amended): A program for an image display device that is capable of displaying an image stored in an image storage device, said program comprising:

an information obtaining step of obtaining a display capability of the image display device and ~~the a~~ number of images stored in the image storage device; and

a display determination step of determining whether an image is to be displayed or the name of an image is to be displayed, in accordance with the display capability of the image display device and the number of images stored in the image storage device.

17. (previously presented): A program according to claim 16, further comprising:

an image display step of displaying an image whose name is displayed.

18. (currently amended): An image storage device for storing image data, comprising:

communication means for communicating with an image reception device;

and

determination means for determining whether image data is to be transmitted or identification of the image data to be transmitted to the image reception device, in accordance with a display capability of the image display device and ~~the a~~ number of images.

19. (currently amended): An image storage device for storing image data, comprising:

communication means for communicating with an image reception device;  
and

determination means for determining whether image data is to be transmitted or an image name is to be transmitted to the image reception device, in accordance with a display capability of the image display device and ~~the~~ a number of images stored in said image storage device.

20. (currently amended): A program for an image storage device that stores image data, said program being stored in a computer-readable storage medium and comprising:

an information obtaining step of obtaining a display capability of the image display device and ~~the~~ a number of images stored in the image storage device; and

a display determination step of determining whether image data is to be transmitted or an image name is to be transmitted to an image reception device by said image storage device in accordance with the display capability of the image display device and the number of images.

21. (currently amended): A program for an image storage device that stores image data, said program being stored in a computer-readable storage medium and comprising:

an information obtaining step of obtaining a display capability of the image display device and ~~the~~ a number of images stored in the image storage device; and

a display determination step of determining whether image data is to be transmitted or identification of the image data is to be transmitted to an image reception device by the image storage device, in accordance with the display capability of the image display device and the number of images.

22. (previously presented): A method according to claim 1, wherein said information obtaining step comprises a receiving step of receiving a list of images from the image storage device, and includes determining the number of the images based on the list of images.

23. (previously presented): A method according to claim 1, wherein said display determination step comprises a request step of requesting, from the image storage device, the image which it is determined is to be displayed.

24. (previously presented): A method according to claim 4, wherein said information obtaining step comprises a receiving step of receiving a list of images from the image storage device, and includes determining the number of the images based on the list of images.

25. (previously presented): A method according to claim 4, wherein said display determination step comprises a request step of requesting, from the image storage device, the image which it is determined is to be displayed.



26. (previously presented): An image display apparatus according to claim 10, wherein said determination means comprises receiving means for receiving a list of images from the image storage device, and said determination mean determines the number of the images based on the list of images.

27. (previously presented): An image display apparatus according to claim 10, wherein said determination means comprises request means for requesting, from the image storage device, the image which it is determined is to be displayed.

28. (previously presented): An image display apparatus according to claim 12, wherein said determination means comprises receiving means for receiving a list of images from the image storage device, and said determination means determines the number of the images based on the list of images.

29. (previously presented): An image display apparatus according to claim 12, wherein said determination means comprises request means for requesting, from the image storage device, the image which it is determined is to be displayed.

30. (previously presented): A program according to claim 14, wherein said information obtaining step comprises a receiving step of receiving a list of images from the image storage device, and includes determining the number of the images based on the list of images.

31. (previously presented): A program according to claim 14, wherein said display determination step comprises a request step of requesting, from the image storage device, the image which it is determined is to be displayed.

32. (previously presented): A program according to claim 16, wherein said information obtaining step comprises a receiving step of receiving a list of images from the image storage device, and includes determining the number of the images based on the list of images.

33. (previously presented): A program according to claim 16, wherein said display determination step comprises a request step of requesting, from the image storage device, the image which it is determined is to be displayed.

34. (currently amended): A method for transmitting image data from an image storage device to an image reception device, comprising:

a reception step of receiving a request from the image reception device; and

a transmission step of transmitting data of a kind corresponding to a display capability of the image reception device and ~~the~~ a number of images stored in the image storage device to the image reception device.

35. (previously presented): A method according to claim 34, wherein said transmission step includes transmitting image data or identification data of the image data in accordance with the number of the images to the image reception device.

36. (currently amended): An image storage device comprising:  
reception means for receiving a request from an image reception device; and  
transmission means for transmitting data of a kind corresponding to a  
display capability of the image reception device and ~~the a~~ number of images stored in the  
image storage device to the image reception device.

37. (previously amended): An image storage device according to claim 36,  
wherein said transmission means transmits image data or identification data of the image  
data in accordance with the number of the images to the image reception device.

38. (currently amended): A program for an image storage device,  
comprising:  
a reception step of receiving a request from an image reception device; and  
a transmission step of transmitting data of a kind corresponding to a display  
capability of the image reception device and ~~the a~~ number of images stored in the image  
storage device to the image reception device.

39. (previously presented): A program according to claim 38, wherein said  
transmission step includes transmitting image data or identification data of the image data  
in accordance with the number of the images to the image reception device.